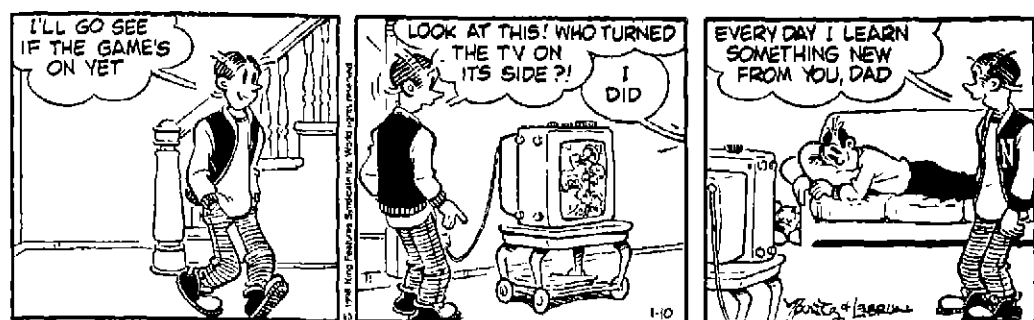


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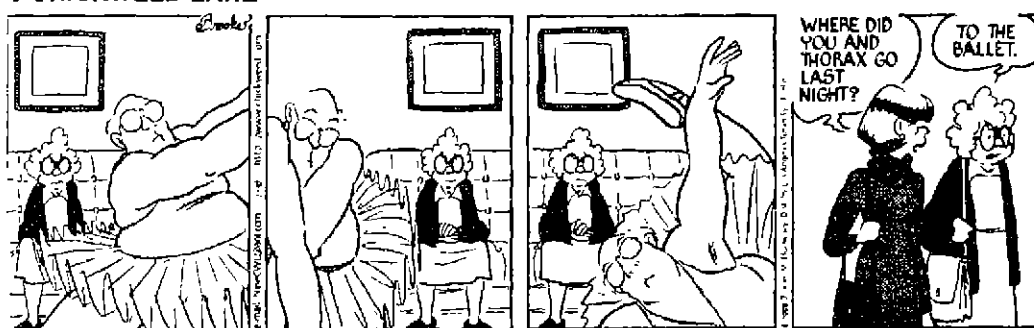
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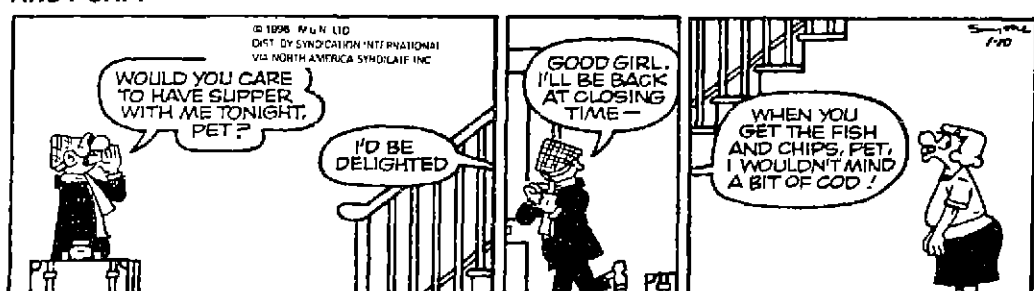
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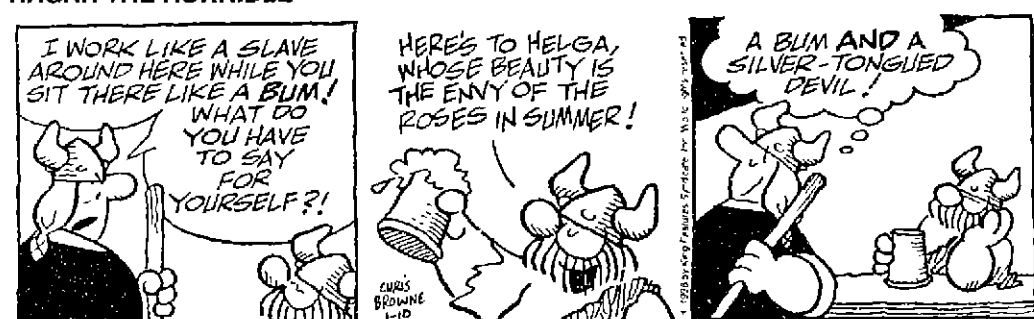
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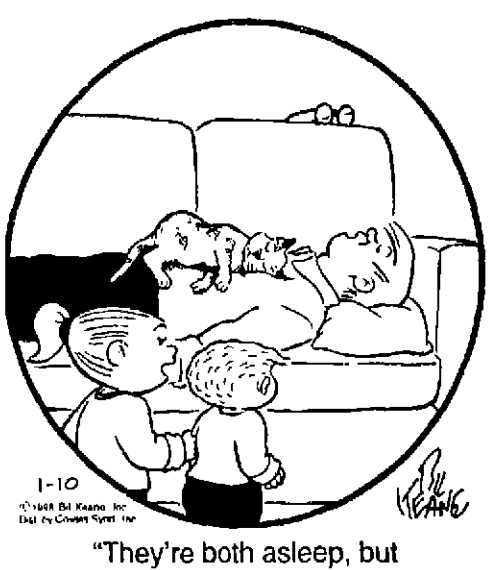
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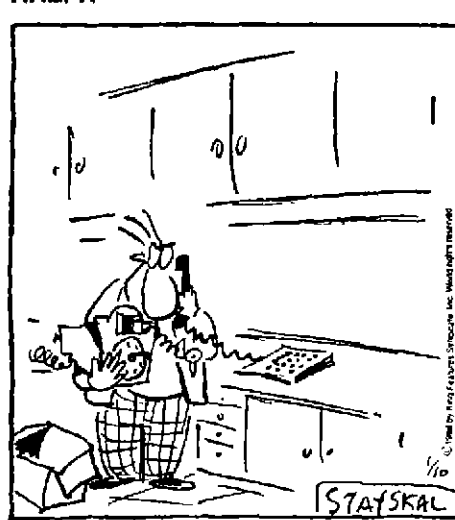
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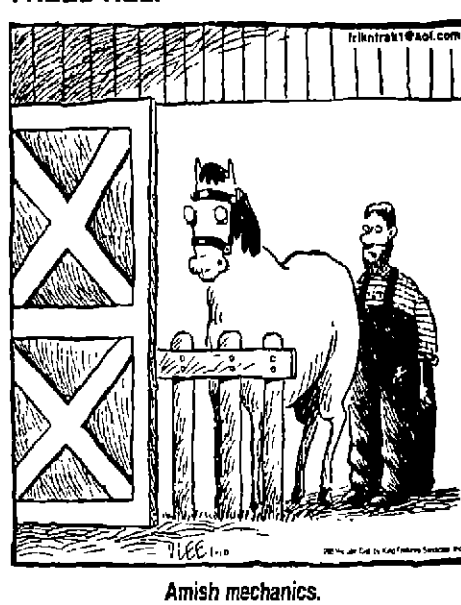
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Jazz musician Max Roach is 73. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 60. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 54. Singer Rod Stewart is 53. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 50. Boxer George Foreman is 49. Singer Pat Benatar is 45. Rock musician Michel Schenker (The Scorpions) is 43. Actress Trini Alvarado ("Little Women") is 31. Rapper Chris Smith (Kris Kross) is 19.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 145-155 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-19-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Save some time for recordkeeping. Extra money or credit becomes available to you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll shine at a group activity. It is the perfect day for local travel and sightseeing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're on the right track where business interests are concerned. You'll meet with a moneymaking opportunity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're liable to hear big talk in connection with business. Take it with a grain of salt.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Some major housecleaning or rearranging of furniture will be going on. It would be better to opt for time for yourself than to have company over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) New moneymaking ideas come this day. It is another stellar day for you where social interests are concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll want to follow up on a valuable business lead. Job pursuits lead to financial gains.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to share your innermost feelings with a loved one. Financial prospects will improve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Bookkeeping uncovers an error. A newfound pleasure interest commands your attention later in the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You could spend a bit too freely when shopping for the children. It might not be the right time to entertain out-of-town guests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Business leads you hear aren't likely to amount to much. Travel and leisure interests bring much happiness, and there is a special accent on partnership interests later in the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It is a full day of social activities for you, so you might not get around to dealing with a work project you had in mind. Collaborative efforts are favored.

WORD SLEUTH

Guess Who?

G K I F C A E X V S Q O L J H
E C E A X N V P V T R P N L T
J H F I D B A Y O X V T R V P
O M K I L Y U I G H E D S B Z
X W U T B S D R D R B P Q O N
L J I S P A E G F E E O D C R
A Y O O R X V L W C M X B U E
N R O B H S I T I R B O O V F
C R O T C A L A T S R M C B L
T P O N S M L I F D A O R L O
K E G A T S E R O L O D J I G

Friday's unlisted clue: ILLINOIS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: WHO AM I?

Actor Crosby Leslie Troops
Boxer Dolores Radio TV specials
British-born Goller "Road" films Vaudeville
Comedian Lamour Stage

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Somebody's going to get endplayed," exclaimed South as he made his move with a flourish. After reviewing his play to the first eight tricks, can you see how he knew he was on solid ground? Expecting to find little in partner's hand, West chose to lead a trump. South drew two more rounds of trump and led his diamond jack, covered by the king and ace. After cashing dummy's queen, South ruffed a diamond and cashed the ace and king of clubs, dropping West's queen. Now he made his announcement and his eye-opening play. He led the king (1) of hearts. What made him so sure of himself? Note that a low heart exit would not work. East would win, cash his club jack and return a heart. South would then lose three hearts and a club for one down. Counting made South's prediction a sure thing. West had followed suit to three spades, three diamonds and two clubs. His overall of two hearts marked him with five in that suit, so South's dramatic play couldn't lose unless West's bidding was untruthful. If West won and led a heart to East's jack, East could cash a club but then would have to yield a ruff and sluff. And if West cashed his ace, queen and 10 of hearts, his forced heart lead would also surrender a ruff and sluff for South's 10th winner.

NORTH 01 10 A
♠ Q J 9 5
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ A 6 3

WEST
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A Q 10 9 8
♦ K 10 9
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ 2
♥ J 3
♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 8 7
♥ K 6 5
♦ J 4
♣ K 7 2

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer North

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♥
2♣ Pass 4♣ All pass

Opening lead: Spade four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1130

ACROSS

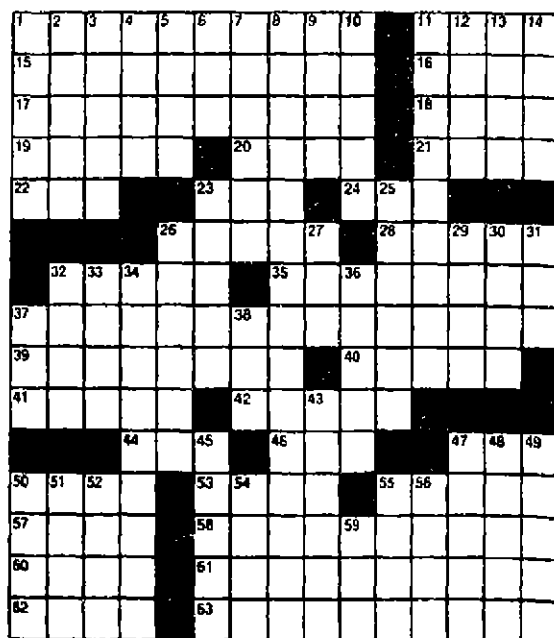
- 1 Locale for binoculars
11 Holly
15 Game Fisher's "Postcards From the Edge," e.g.
16 Congregational area
17 1975 #1 hit for the Doobie Brothers
18 Ness and others
19 "That's what I"
20 Dry
21 Daughter of Cronus
22 Chess's Mikhail
23 "Alibi," 1989 film
24 Abbr. on a French letter
25 Words before "on the line"
28 "Up!"
32 Yucatán export
35 Sketched
37 Undervalued
39 Panic-averting admonition
40 Contribute to the mix
41 Actor Davis
42 In golf, ahead by as many holes as are left to be played
44 "Fables in Slang" author
46 Beat
47 A.E.C. successor
50 Riot
53 Radar screen
55 Writer Marsh
57 Ovid's "others"
58 Takes
60 Button on the ice
61 Tied
62 Crack
63 Armada division

DOWN

- 1 Circle
2 Young hen, to Enrque
3 Letters, of a sort
4 Pool device
5 Huber of women's tennis
6 Hesitate
7 "Mirror in My House" autobiographer
8 Unseen influences
9 Palmist, e.g.
10 First name in violinists
11 Imminent
12 Sorry
13 By any chance
14 Lucy Lawless TV role
23 — loaf
26 Complacent
28 Ran through
29 Pull
30 Opponent
31 Honed
32 Actor Byrnes
33 Writer's supply: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SOCKET ASPISH
THRIVE PHANTOM
ABATER LISTENED
GOVERNMENT META
EYES ANNEX SCI
SCULLY VIRILE
FATALITY BELIEFS
OREIDA ALIENS
SCENE SPINS
SAP RANTS WRAP
EDEN CONSPIRACY
SINECURE EDITOR
AERATES RETIRE
DOPERS MASON'S



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- 33 Turner and others
34 Having gray-brown tones
36 Lady's lover
37 Ref's decision
38 Dated
43 Bandicoot, e.g.
45 Stirred up, with "on"
47 Unaffected
48 Agreement adjustment
49 "Fargo" creators Ethan and Joel
50 One of the Pillars of Islam
51 This and that
52 Wax insert, perhaps
54 Tear
55 Eisenhower held a 1950 post in it
56 Earl —
59 One of 15, formerly: Abbr.

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